



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RETARDATION FILM AND OPTICAL DEVICE EMPLOYING IT

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A retardation film, characterized in that said retardation film is a single oriented film, the retardation at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm of said retardation film satisfies the following formulae (1) and/or (2), and the water absorption of said retardation film is no greater than 1%:

$$R(450)/R(550) < 1 \quad (1)$$

$$K(450)/K(550) < 1 \quad (2)$$

where R(450) and R(550) represent the in-plane retardation of the oriented polymer film at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm, respectively, and 450 nm and 550 nm, respectively, and

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